



## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

### ***Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures***

**Robert G. Atkins**  
*Interim Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights and Measures*

*12300 Lower Azusa Road  
Arcadia, California 91006-5872  
<http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>*

September 28, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

#### **2004 WEED ABATEMENT SECOND REFEREE'S HEARING REPORT**

As authorized by the California Health and Safety Code, and approved by your Board, a public hearing was conducted by the Deputy Director, Weed Hazard & Pest Management Bureau, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, acting as Referee, to receive protests against the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures' Year 2004 second order to abate noxious or dangerous weeds, brush, rubbish, etc. As stated in the legal notice sent to each owner of record, the hearings were held at 9:30 a.m. in the office of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, at 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, California, on September 8, 2004.

No property owners attended the public hearing and we are not aware of any individual who wishes to present objections to your Board at this time.

#### **IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Accept this hearing report.
2. Order the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to abate or cause to be abated the noxious and dangerous weeds, brush, rubbish from unimproved properties.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. ATKINS  
Interim Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights and Measures

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

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RAYMOND B. SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/BUREAU CHIEF, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, being first duly sworn says: That on or before the 9th day of August, 2004, as allowed by the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, he mailed 139 "Annual Weed Abatement Notices" to the owners of each of the properties as their names and addresses and a description of the property in question appear from the last equalized assessment roll, or as they are known to the clerk, a notice or notices to destroy noxious or dangerous weeds, of which the annexed is a true copy, and setting the 8th day of September, 2004, as the date upon which owners of said property could attend a meeting of the Weed Abatement Referee, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

I have personal knowledge of the foregoing, and if called upon could competently testify thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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WITNESSED BY:

This\_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/  
WEIGHTS and MEASURES  
12300 LOWER AZUSA ROAD  
ARCADIA, CA 91006-5872

OWNER OF RECORD:  
MAILING ADDRESS:

The ownership and address shown are taken from the last equalized assessment roll. If either of these is incorrect, please notify the Los Angeles County Assessor at (888) 807-2111

# LEGAL NOTICE

**IMPORTANT YEAR 2004 NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS, REMOVE BRUSH, RUBBISH OR REFUSE**

Notice is hereby given that on August 17, 2004, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles passed or will pass a resolution declaring noxious or dangerous weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral, rubbish or refuse were growing or occurring upon or in front of said property of certain streets in said city or unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles, and more particularly described in the resolution, and that they constitute a fire hazard or public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of said weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral, rubbish or refuse, otherwise they may be removed and the nuisance abated by County authorities and the cost of removal assessed upon the land from or in front of which the weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral rubbish or refuse are removed, and such cost will constitute a special assessment against such lots or lands. In addition, the Board of Supervisors authorized and directed the Agricultural Commissioner to recover its costs of details.

All property owners having any objections to the proposed removal of weeds, brush, rubbish or refuse, and the recovery of inspection costs, are hereby notified that they may attend a weed abatement referee hearing at:

**the headquarters of the Los Angeles County, Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, CA 91006-5872, on September 8, 2004, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon.**

**Protests which are not resolved will be sent before the Board of Supervisors** where their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

**THIS IS NOT A CITATION OR A SUMMONS. HOWEVER, YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE, A SPECIFIC CITY FIRE CODE, OR OTHERWISE CONTAIN A PUBLIC NUISANCE. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THE WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE HEARING.**

ASSESSOR'S I.D. NUMBER			THIS NOTICE DATED
MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	<b>August 9, 2004</b>

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

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Upon 72 hours notice, the Department can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Arcadia (12300 Lower Azusa Road), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 575-5454 or TDD (626) 575-5520, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



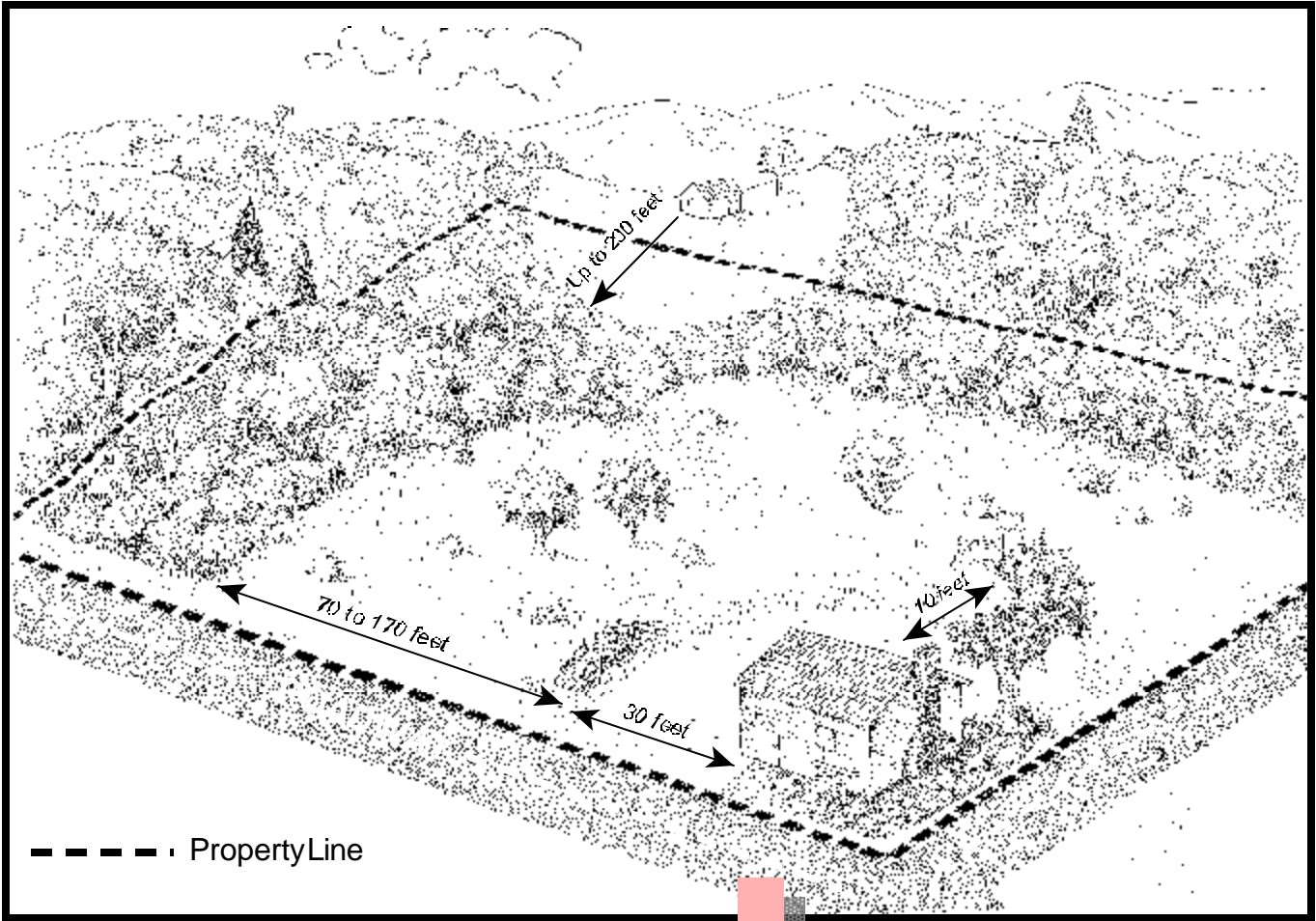
You are the recorded owner of a parcel which is declared to contain an existing or potential hazard to the health and safety of the community. **It is your responsibility to maintain this property throughout the year.** The Fire Code requires the removal of flammable vegetation or combustible growth up to 100 feet from any structure and 10 feet from roadsides. Clearance of up to 200 feet may be required in areas deemed by the local jurisdictional fire station or the Agricultural Commissioner to be extra hazardous due to brush growth, topographic features, construction, or structure location.


**Owners of parcels that are within the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission may be required to obtain a permit prior to the removal of any nuisance vegetation. Please contact the Coastal Commission for permit information.**

Property that is not maintained by the owner may be maintained by the County, with the cost of such maintenance listed as a separate item (LA CO HAZ ABATE) on the annual tax bill. In the case of tax exempt and common area parcels, the maintenance cost will be billed directly to the owner.

The Board of Supervisors has authorized an inspection fee which will be assessed against all declared UNIMPROVED properties whether or not they are maintained by the property owner.

Questions regarding any aspect of the Weed Abatement Program or this legal notice can be answered by calling (626) 575-5484 or by going online at <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>





County of Los Angeles  
Department of Agricultural  
Commissioner/Weights  
and Measures

Weed and Brush  
**CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**IMPORTANT!** Clearance requirements apply to your property even if the structure being protected is not on your property!

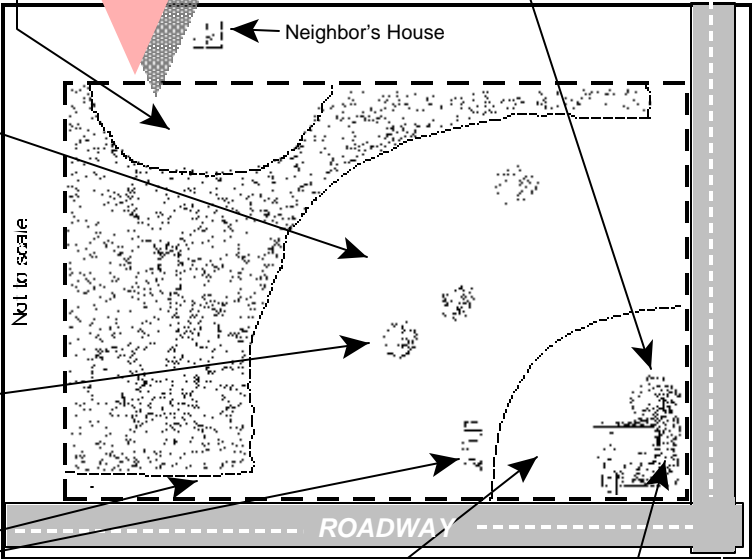
Okay to have ornamental plants and trees if individually planted, spaced and maintained so they do not form a means of transmitting fire from native growth to the structure. No portion of a tree may extend within 10 feet of the outlet of a chimney and it must be free of dead wood. (County Code sec. 1117.2.2)

**IMPORTANT!** Thinning or removal of vegetation an additional 70 to 130 feet (100 to 200 feet total) from structures may be required! Please contact your Zone Inspector! (626) 575-5484 <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us> Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from structures and less than 18 inches in height may be maintained where necessary to stabilize soil and prevent erosion. (County Code sec. 1117.2.2(3))

Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 feet or three times their diameter from other shrubs. Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity. For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within 6 feet of the ground. For trees and shrubs less than 18 feet, prune lower branches to 1/3 of their height. Choose landscaping plants that are fire resistant and maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches, leaves, etc. (From <http://www.lacofd.org/forestry.htm>)

Roadway clearance, minimum of 10 feet clearance for all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth. (County Code sec. 1117.10)

Firewood, manure, compost or other combustible materials must be placed or stored a minimum of 30 feet from any building or structure. (County Code sec. 1117.2.2)



Remove/clear away all flammable vegetation or combustible growth for a distance of not less than 30 feet from any structure. This includes ornamental plants known to be flammable. (County Code sec. 1117.2.2) **NATIVE PLANTS CAN BE FLAMMABLE EVEN IF GREEN!**

Okay to have cultivated ground cover provided they are maintained in a condition that does not form a means of transmitting fire from native growth to the structure. (County Code sec. 1117.2.2)